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2015 Interim Committee approved by the Executive Board

Scope

A review of the functions of county government, laws and regulations regarding counties, county revenue and expenditures, alternative funding solutions, organization of the counties, and cooperation between the counties and other local governments.

Examine the duties assigned to counties by law and regulations; specifically evaluate expenditures for law enforcement, legal fees for court appointed attorneys and prosecutors, court costs, and county jails and evaluate the trends on expenditures and whether the cost should or may be transferred to another entity; review sources of funding available to counties including taxes and fees and determine whether the fees should be updated or revised; review the statutes for outdated and obsolete provisions and make form and style changes to Title 7; and, evaluate the fiscal impact on counties that have significant areas of property owned by the federal government or placed in trust. Include other responsibilities given to counties to administer: correction facilities, public infrastructure, document recording, registration and elections. The organization of the counties and cooperation between the counties and other local governments is also part of the study. The committee may also examine whether the counties are exercising the opportunities available to them to expand their property tax base.